

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-25 are rejected.

The indicated allowability of claims 3-11, 14, 17 and 18 has been withdrawn.

Priority

Applicant claims foreign priority, the certified copy of the priority documents were submitted concurrently with the filing of this application.

It is respectfully requested the priority and receipt of the documents be acknowledged.

Claims

The independent claims have been amended to include the clarification that the claimed session management can execute a series of information processes that constitute a single session but allow respectively different accesses that can be used for respectively different media. A user can perform a series of information processes using an arbitrary medium for each accessing process in a session. Therefore, an information process is realized through a network using a plurality of media in combination between a user terminal and an information providing system (page 15, lines 10-17).

For example the user can perform a series of information processes using an arbitrary medium among e-mail, WEB, and voice for each access in such a manner as associated with a case of narrowly focusing search conditions when conducting an information search.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-25 are now rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Luzeski et al (US 6,404,762) (hereafter Luzeski).

Luzeski describes a common messaging system with a common messaging call layer. A web based client may request access to voice, fax or email messaging services via the web browser. Thus the Luzeski platform handles e-mail, voice-mail and fax-mail services in a unified manner encompassing a universal messaging system.

In the Office Action, page 3, its recited "Luzeski discloses messaging platform corresponding to the devices maintaining session information." In fact Luzeski does disclose that the messaging platform "initiates and maintains a session between the messaging platform and the Web-based client(s)." (col. 4:5-15). The session manager as part of the messaging platform initiates and maintains sessions for each logged in user (col. 6:3-13).

In contrast applicant claims: "respectively receiving session information from the plurality of communications devices," therefore Luzeski does not teach receiving session information but teaches initiating a session.

Also if the Examiner considers that applicant's claimed "generating unified session information corresponding to the received session information" is equivalent to Luzeski's "initiates and maintains a session between the messaging platform and the Web-based client(s)" then again there is no receiving session information from the plurality of communications devices claimed by applicant.

Applicant also claims "an integral management device receiving the unified session information from each of said plurality of interface devices" again if Luzeski's disclosed messaging platform corresponds to the devices maintaining session information and now Luzeski's session manager is being equated to applicant's claimed integral management device, then it is respectfully submitted that nowhere does Luzeski teach the session manager receiving unified session information from each of a plurality of messaging platforms.

While a references does not have to be bodily interchangeable with the claims, for a rejection under 102, each and every feature must be present in the reference.

Also applicant claims session management on a single session of a series of information processes where respective accessing processes in the single session are performed using respective different media.


The session management apparatus according to the claimed invention, in contrast to Luzeski, is capable of executing a series of information processes that constitute a single session but allow respectively different accesses that use respectively different media in such a manner as associated with a case of narrowly focusing search conditions when conducting an information search.

For at least the remarks set forth above it is respectfully requested the rejections be withdrawn and this application be placed in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner consider a telephone interview helpful, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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